

MARIE GANZ, IN PRISON, TELLS WHY SHE WOULD KILL JOHN D., JR.

(Marie Ganz, who was arrested for threatening the life of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was sentenced to serve sixty days in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island a few hours after this interview was obtained by Nixola Greeley-Smith.)

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH

New York, May 8.—"The handwriting on the wall has appeared to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.:

"Let this modern Belshazzar read it and heed the words:

"Thou hast been weighed in the balance and found wanting."

"Sweet Marie" Ganz, the girl anarchist, tried for threatening to kill John D. Rockefeller, Jr., because of his refusal to arbitrate the grievances of his Colorado miners, made this declaration to me.

"Never before this, mark you, has the whole American people united in a demand for atonement for the crimes of capital. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., stands convicted of being accessory to the murder of women and children at Ludlow! He must answer for it to the American people. Like Belshazzar he sits at a feast of plenty while his victims starve and die. And to him, too, have appeared in letters of fire the warning: MENE MENE tekel upharsin. 'You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.'"

The woman who uttered these fiery words is tall and a blonde. She has the figure of a cloak model. Her eyes are sapphire blue, and her cheeks are the delicate pink of an Easter primrose. Briefly, "Sweet Marie" Ganz is a luscious specimen of what the average man knows as a "peach."

When she is not making speeches she is employed as a saleswoman. She has a brother in the United States army. There are no Rockefellers in the army so far as I know.

"You are awaiting trial for threatening to shoot Rockefeller, Jr., in a public speech. Do you deny the charge?" I asked this extraordinary young girl.

"Do I deny it? Certainly not! I said it and I meant it," Miss Ganz replied in her slow contralto voice. "I said I would kill, and if I get the chance I will make good my words!"

"I consider that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is guilty of the murder of the women and children at Ludlow. But the courts would never convict him. They will not even try him, because they are afraid of him. But I am not afraid."

"If I should kill him he would be put to death for murder. I would merely execute the sentence which the American people HAVE ALREADY PASSED ON HIM, but which their courts are too timid to carry out."

"Why, the president of the United States lowered himself by sending his representative to this man to ask him to accept mediation. And he refused the president! This man—this accessory to the murder of women and children—stands between thousands of men and the chance to work under decent conditions. Why should he not be removed? Why should not an individual have the courage which the courts lack? To kill John D. Rockefeller, Jr., would not be a crime, but a deed of courage and justice!"

"But if you should kill John D., Jr., the elder Rockefeller would still remain," I interposed. "After all, John D., Jr., is merely acting as his father's agent."

"Ah, no," Miss Ganz protested. "John D., Sr., is nearly 80. He is senile. I understand that he has asked his son to yield to the president and that he has refused to do so. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is the real criminal. He is the man that